offices on time for want of DTC buses not plying during peak hours in sufficient numbers;

(b) if so, what action would Government take to provide sufficient number of buses to these colonies to enable the people to reach their offices on time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) DTC provides 21 regular services from Outer Delhi and 68 Limited Trips for the commuters from Outer Delhi to reach their offices. On account of financial constraints, DTC have not been able to add new buses to its fleet to augment its capacity. DTC have been able to procure buses only on replacement account. The Government have already recommended to the Delhi Administration to introduce a scheme of Special Stage Carriage Permits at a fare structure higher than that of DTC. The Delhi Administration have also been advised to grant additional Stage Carriage Permit to private operators.

New DTC Buses on various Rural Routes

1466. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC bus services for the large number of passengers coming from distant villages daily to duties have been deteriorating for the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more new buses are given to the depots covering urban areas of Delhi where private buses under DTC operation are serving the commuters whereas the DTC buses on rural routes of Delhi are old and break down ferquently on their ways, if so, the reasons therefor and the number of new buses provided to the depots like Bawana, Dichan Kalan etc.; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to provide more new buses on route number 131, 133, 109, 106, 136, 135, 176, 851, 854, 871 and 855?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Besides providing regular services, DTC has provided 148 Limited Stop trips from rural areas for the benefit of passengers coming from distant villages.

(b) No, Sir. All the new buses are distributed to every region.

(c) In view of answer to (b) above, does not arise.

पुरानी दिल्ली में यातायात के कारण प्रदूषण

1467. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पुरानी दिल्ली में यातायात की समस्याएं बहुत बढ़ गई हैं जिसके कारण वातावरण प्रदूषित हो गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समस्या के समाधान के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) यह सच है कि वाहनों के प्रचालन संख्या में वृद्धि के कारण पुरानी दिल्ली में यातायात की समस्यायें और बढ़ गई हैं । उन यात्रियों को, जो इस समय व्यक्तिगत वाहनों का प्रयोग करते हैं, सार्वजनिक वाहनों की ओर आकर्षित करने के लिये सरकार ने दि०प०नि० से अधिक किराये ढांचे पर "स्पेशल स्टेज कैरिज परमिटों" की एक स्कीम के लिये दिल्ली प्रशासन से सिफारिश की है । निजी प्रचालकों को अतिरिक्त "स्टेज कैरिज परमिट" प्रदान करने के लिये भी दिल्ली प्रशासन को सलाह दी गई है ;